

MADISON COUNTY LEPC

(Local Emergency Planning Committee)

July 25, 2006 Meeting

SUMMARY OF LEPC PARTICIPATION

TABLETOP EXERCISE

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The LEPC participated in the **Wildland Fire/Evacuation** tabletop exercise by of the Madison County Public Health Department on **25 July** in the Virginia City gymnasium.

Dinner was served at 5:00 PM with the exercise beginning at 5:30 PM.

The aim of the exercise was to find out what the County's strengths and weaknesses were in relationship to all departments and agencies in the county participating.

Represented were: Towns of Ennis, Virginia City, Harrison/Pony and Twin Bridges. Ruby Valley Ambulance, Harrison, Madison Valley and Virginia City Fire Dept., Ruby Valley and Madison Valley Hospital, Citizens Corp. Council, Sheriffs Department, Madison County Emergency Management, Public Health, County Sanitarian, The Great Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce, County Commissioners, Forest Service, and Nursing Homes,

Other professionals and citizens were present in audience.

Meeting began @ 5:45 p.m. and was facilitated by Jill Steely, Public Health Director.

Scenarios (storyboards) were presented and each Town represented, agency or Department, reported on policies they had in place dealing with the scenario presented in regards to declaring, organizing, planning and managing events in the case of an emergency. Strengths and weakness were identified.

As the meeting progressed, individual citizens present or representatives of groups or agencies, continued to discuss the storyboards presented, identifying training needs, resources available, capacity needs, services available, public facilities and procedures to follow in an emergency situation. Frank Ford reported on steps necessary and the course of action that would be taken in declaring an emergency.

The meeting was thought provoking, educational and well attended. Meeting concluded at 7:35 p.m.